

(a) whether upto-date telephone Directories are available to the telephone users of Assam, if so, when these were last brought out;

(b) whether the Telephone Advisory Committee, Assam, had recommended Publication of an Assam Circle Telephone Directory; and

(c) if so, the time by which it is likely to be published?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) No, Sir These were last brought out almost two years back with publishing of supplementary directory for Kamrup Telecom District on 29.8.1990.

(b) Yes, Sir, it was recommended to print a consolidated telephone directory comprising of all telephone exchanges in Assam Telecom Circle during the TAC meeting held on 16.7.1990.

(c) This is likely to be published in a period of about 9 months subject to acceptance of tenders, not as a Circle Directory but separately for each S.S.A. (Secondary Switching Area).

[Translation]

Shifting of P.M.G. Office in Uttar Pradesh

3863. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) since when the the office of the Post Master General (North), Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh is functioning and the districts attached to it;

(b) whether there is any proposal to shift the said office; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) The office of the Postmaster General Bareilly Region has been functioning since 15.3.1990. The following revenue districts are attached to it:

- i) Almora
- ii) Badaun
- iii) Bareilly
- iv) Hardoi
- v) Kheri
- vi) Moradabad
- vii) Nainital
- viii) Pithoragarh
- ix) Shahjahanpur

(b) No Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

[English]

Vividh Bharati Commercial Programmes from Jabalpur Station of AIR

3864. SHRISHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to put into operation the 10 KW-FM-Stereo system to broadcast Vividh Bharati Commercial and other programmes from Jabalpur Station of AIR; and

(b) by when these programmes are likely to commence?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b). The scheme to set up a 10 KW FM Transmitter at AIR, Jabalpur for broadcast of Vividh Bharati Commercial programmes can be considered once the financial allocation and physical target of the Eighth Five Year Plan is finalised by the Planning Commission.

Clearance to Draft Rajasthan Highway Bill

3865. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Rajasthan had submitted a Draft Highway Bill, similar to the Bombay Highway Act, 1955 to the Union Government for approval in 1984;

(b) whether the above Bill is still to be cleared by the Union Government; and

(c) if so, the time by which the Union Government propose to clear this Bill?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) The Government of Rajasthan had forwarded the draft Rajasthan Highway Bill in 1984 for prior approval of Government of India before its introduction in the State Legislature.

(b) and (c). Comments of the Government of India on the draft Bill have been communicated to the State Government for their consideration.

Nationality-wise Foreigners overstaying in India

3866. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the nationality-wise break-up of the foreigners overstaying in India;

(b) their break-up where duration of overstay is less than one year and where it is more than one year; and

(c) the date of which the information given in reply to Unstarred Question No. 576 refers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Gas Turbine Power Station in Maharashtra

3867. DR. GUNAVANT RAMBHAU SARODE: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra submitted a feasibility report for setting up Gas Turbine Power Station in Dhutta which is near HBJ pipeline; and

(b) if so, the progress made so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.